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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS
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WIRES:

AP: SCHWEID SAYS HAK GAVE BREZ "CONCRETE U.S. PROPOSITIONS" IN FRIDAY MEETING ON SALT. AGREEMENT ON GUIDELINES SOUGHT FOR FORD AND BREZ TO ENDORSE AT VLAD, AND HAK USING SOVIET EAGERNESS FOR SUMMIT TO GET BREAKTHROUGH HE WANTED LAST MARCH. CITES "U.S. OFFICIALS" THAT KREMLIN AVOIDED AGREEMENT EARLIER BECAUSE OF WATERGATE, BUT FORD'S BACKING OF HAK IS SIGNAL THAT GENEVA TALKS CAN LEAD TO A TREATY.

UPI (A.M. LEAD): ANDERSON QUOTED SAYING HAK-BREZ TALKS "VERY CORDIAL, VERY FRIENDLY," AND ANOTHER MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT. TALKS CONCENTRATING ON SALT.

REUTERS THIS MORNING REPORTS KISSINGER TO HAVE PRESENTED U.S. IDEAS ON SALT IN TODAY'S MEETING. CITES TOASTS THURSDAY AS SIGN OF POSITIVE TONE IN MEETINGS. SPECULATES MOM-
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ENTUM TOWARD VLAD SUMMIT SO GREAT IT MUST HAPPEN TO ASSURE

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DETENTE SURVIVAL; UPBEAT REMARKS AFTER MEETINGS THURSDAY SEEMED TO INDICATE NO PROBLEMS.

NEWSPAPERS:

NYTIMES: LEADS WITH WREN STORY AND 4-COLUMN PHOTO ABOVE THE FOLD ON PAGE 1 OF HAK-BREZ MEETING YESTERDAY. WREN SAYS TALKS DOMINATED BY MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPEAN SECURITY, AS WELL AS US-SOVIET TRADE. SALT TOPIC CAME UP LATE IN DAY, WILL BE CONTINUED FRIDAY. DISCUSSIONS CHARACTERIZED AS "IN A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE," "FRANK," AND "A VERY GOOD BEGINNING." ARTICLE PROCEEDS TO BHUTTO VISIT AS SIGN OF IMPROVING SOVIET-PAKISTANI RELATIONS, SAYING KISSINGER EXPECTED TO MEET WITH BHUTTO IN PAKISTAN LATER ON. BACK TO HAK-BREZ, NOTHING FURTHER ON POSSIBLE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT REPORTED, CITES TOASTS BY GROMYKO AND HAK ON USEFULNESS OF MEETING AND "SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY" OF BOTH SIDES TO PRESERVE PEACE.

WASHPOST: MARDER ARTICLE APPEARS PAGE 1 ABOVE FOLD WITH PLEDGE TO EXPAND AND CONTINUE DETENTE, SAYING BREZ STRUCK "OPTIMISTIC" TONE IN MEETING. CITES TOASTS FROM BOTH SIDES RE CONTINUITY OF POLICIES, ADDING HAK CALL FOR "GREAT EFFORTS ON BOTH SIDES" FOR PROGRESS. THESE STATEMENTS POINT TO VLAD SUMMIT, WHICH WILL ASSURE CONTINUITY. TOASTS CAME BEFORE CERTAIN MAJOR TOPICS DISCUSSED, TO DOWNPLAY UNCERTAINTY ABOUT RESULTS OF TRANSITION. HAK IS A LINK, BUT BREZ AND FORD MUST MEET BEFORE DETENTE CAN CONTINUE. EARLY MEETINGS DID NOT TOUCH SALT, WHICH WILL BE MAIN TOPIC FOR THE REST OF HIS STAY. ARTICLE ENDS WITH EXCLUSION OF NEWSMEN FROM HAK-BREZ MEETING, TO EMPHASIZE WORKING NATURE OF MEETING BUT PROBABLY TO AVOID QUESTIONS ABOUT EMIGRATION AGREEMENT.

BOSGLOBE: DARIUS HAS SECOND LEAD, PAGE 1, WITH 3-COLUMN PHOTO, SAYING GOAL OF HAK-BREZ MEETINGS IS "IRREVERSIBLE" DETENTE. CITES TOASTS RE CONTINUITY, OPTIMISM, THOUGH GROMYKO CAUTIONS AS TO OUTCOME OF THE TALKS. TRANSITION IN WASHINGTON HAS NOT CHANGED MOVEMENT TOWARD DETENTE. OTHER SIGNS IN MOSCOW DOWNPLAYED HAK VISIT: ARRIVAL DID
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NOT LEAD PAPERS OR BROADCASTS, BREZ BARRED NEWSMEN FROM MEETING. FIRST MEETING PROBABLY DEALT WITH VLAD SUMMIT, SALT TO BE DEALT WITH LATER. . . VLAD SUMMIT MIGHT HAVE "UNSTEADY PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON CHINA"--A SOV PURPOSE.

NYDAILY NEWS: CARTER ON PAGE 4 DEALS WITH HOPES OF SOVIET JEWS THAT JACKSON AGREEMENT WOULD WORK SO THEY MIGHT EMIGRATE. CITES ALEXANDER LUNTZ, MATHEMATICIAN WHOSE VISA

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APPLICATION WAS REFUSED, ON DISCRIMINATION AND PERSECUTION STILL IN EFFECT. AP STORY ON MEETINGS USED ON PAGE 10, WITH PHOTO OF MR./MRS. K AT LUNCHEON. NEWS SECOND EDITORIAL SAYS KISSINGER'S ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET REFUSAL OF

TALBOTT VISA WAS "OUTRAGEOUS."

WASHSTAR-NEWS: JERRY O'LEARY ON PAGE 4 CITES OPTIMISM IN TOASTS, POSSIBILITIES THAT WAR REDUCED AND EARLIER TENSIONS STEMMED. YET BEHIND "HONEYED WORDS," DIFFERENCES EXIST ON SALT AGREEMENT THAT REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT. CITES TOASTS AT SOME LENGTH.

HEARST: THURSDAY NEWS-AMERICAN USES AP STORY, NOTHING FROM WALLACH.

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